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Extra! Extra! Summertime Reading @ Your Library

The school year and standardized testing are now over and children's thoughts can turn to more pleasurable activities. During the summer, their local public library should become the place to go to rediscover reading for pure enjoyment. Our mission for the summer is to get our children, and their parents, into the library.

This year the theme for the State Library-sponsored statewide reading program is "Extra! Extra! Read All About It!" It will also be the first time South Carolina and Georgia have cooperated on a summer reading program. In 2000 over 75,000 children in South Carolina participated in the program. This year we need to challenge our libraries to exceed this total.

In order to accomplish this goal, libraries need to reach out to local businesses, organizations, childcare centers and schools. The most successful summer reading programs involve the support of the Friends of the Library. In 2000, various Friends group donated over \$46,000 to the summer reading program at their library, also giving countless hours of their time and effort.

Another part of a successful summer reading program is to have a teen program at your library. Last year 15 libraries offered a separate program for teens with a total registration of over 2,000. This was double the number of programs offered in 1999. Libraries offered a variety of programs for teens, such as crafts, book discussions, game days, movies and poetry slams. In addition, teens are a great source of volunteers to help with children's programs.

Summer reading involves a great deal of time and effort on behalf of the staff at public libraries, but every year they remain enthusiastic and believe it makes a difference in the life of a child.

From the Director...

James B. Johnson, Jr.

The State Library has actively worked to have public libraries included as a recipient of a portion of the proceeds from the state educational lottery. The justification for including public libraries is based upon needs in the area of technology. Public libraries require an ongoing source of funding to maintain and upgrade their technological capacity.



The Senate Bill (S.496) includes public libraries. Lottery revenues are estimated to be approximately \$150-\$160 million annually. S.496 established two levels of funding: the first \$100 million generated and anything over that level. Public libraries would receive one percent of the first \$100 million (\$1 million); they would receive three percent of revenues over that level (an estimated additional \$1.5 million). The money would be distributed on a per capita basis.

The House has established an Ad Hoc Lottery Committee composed of twelve members of the Ways and Means Committee and five ex officio members. There is, at this time, no House bill number. Several members of the committee have expressed their support for including public libraries in the House bill; however, an amendment to include public libraries in the Ad Hoc Lottery Committee's bill failed because several members questioned including public libraries since they did not believe public libraries were educational agencies.

The next several months are crucial in establishing the state educational lottery. Please contact your legislators and express your support for including public libraries as recipients of lottery proceeds. This funding source is a marvelous opportunity for us. Together, we can make this happen.



News from **Around the State**

Anderson County

Reference Librarian Laura Holden was the recipient of the Outstanding New Professional Award at the recent South Carolina Library Association convention held at Myrtle Beach. The award, presented by the New Members Roundtable of SCLA and EBSCO Subscription Services, recognizes an individual member of the library profession who, within their first two years has made a significant contribution to the profession. Ms. Holden was recognized for her work with the movers in determining stack management and book placement in the new Anderson County Library's Reference Department. She received a \$500 cash award, a plaque and this year, a book from First Lady Rachel Hodges.

Charleston County

The Friends of the Charleston County Public Library recently received an award for Distinguished Runner-up in the Friends of the Libraries U.S.A./Wiley/Van Cleave Science Contest. The award is the result of the two-month celebration of "Chemistry is Electric!" at the Main Library. This unique science program, supported by the Friends, brought 900 children, young adults and others to the Library.

Colleton County

The Colleton County Memorial Library has won the Millennium Project for Public Libraries Award. The library will receive 50 recently published volumes of *The Library of America* together with 50 bookplates citing this award. The Millennium Project for Public Libraries is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association, and the Library of America. It is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Richland County

Friends of the Richland County Public Library recognized the outstanding service of Allan Wendt to the organization and to the library by presenting him with the Lucy Hampton Bostick Award at its recent annual meeting. Mr. Wendt, appointed to the Board in 1984, was cited for his continued commitment by helping the Friends raise more than \$300,000 through book sales. The Bostick Award is presented annually for significant literary achievement or advancement of library goals by a South Carolinian.

South Carolina State Library

Governor Jim Hodges has appointed Gwendolyn J. Smith, Deputy Superintendent of Jasper County School District, to the South Carolina State Library Board. Ms. Smith replaced Susan P. DePass, whose term expired earlier this year. Governor Hodges also re-appointed James E. Campbell and Margaret J. Bundy to serve another five-year term on the library board.

Union County

The Union County Carnegie Library was awarded an \$11,852 LSTA grant, administered by the SC State Library, which will help fund the library's automation project which is designed to upgrade its system with a new server and five new computers. This will allow the patrons to have remote access to their catalog and DISCUS.



l to r – Art Brooks, County Administrator and Ellen Stringer at the Lexington County Employee Award Banquet

Lexington Librarian Honored

Ellen Stringer, Youth Services Coordinator for Lexington County Public Library, was named the county's Employee of the Year. Stringer "has been instrumental in expanding the role of children's services system wide and changing the scope of the program," according to the county's report.

When she joined the county in 1993, she traveled from library branch to branch doing children's programs. Over the years, with the help of staff at the branches, Stringer has built a team of children's staff at different branches. "We have the opportunity from the day these children are born to be instrumental in instilling the joy of learning and the joy of discovering books and it's a wonderful challenge," she said.

Representative Doug Jennings named SCASL Legislator of the Year

The South Carolina Association of School Librarians honored Representative Doug Jennings (D-Bennettsville) as their Legislator of the Year. Rep. Jennings was selected for the award because of his leadership in support of legislation for renewal of DISCUS – South Carolina's Virtual Library. "We thank Rep. Jennings for his continuing support of South Carolina's school media centers," stated Martha Taylor, Legislative Committee Chair for SCASL.

Jennings commented on the honor, "I am proud to receive this award from a group of individuals who have dedicated their careers to knowledge and scholarship. Strong support of school and public libraries is vital in the information age. Libraries hold the key to a world of learning for South Carolinians of all ages."

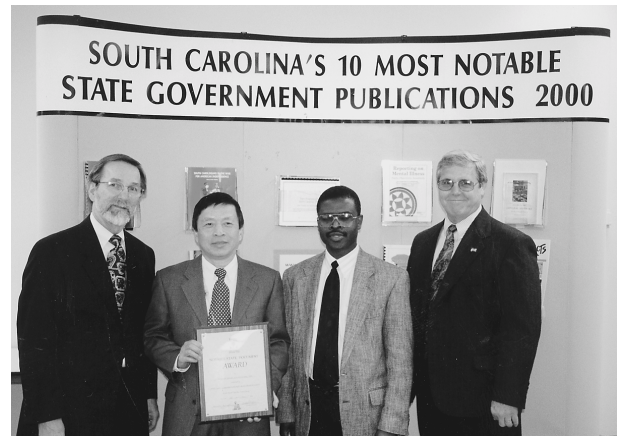


l to r – Martha Taylor; Ida Thompson; Betsy Adams, SCASL President; Jackei Ridings; and Maru Lou Benton present Rep. Doug Jennings with a plaque recognizing his contributions

South Carolina Notable State Documents Awards for 2000

The South Carolina State Library was pleased to announce the selection of the most notable South Carolina State Government documents of 2000. The selection is announced annually on or near Freedom of Information Day, March 16th, the birthday of President James Madison, an early proponent for citizen access to government information.

The State Library held a ceremony to recognize the state agencies, which were responsible for the award-winning publications. Jim Johnson, Director of the State Library, presented agency representatives with a plaque honoring their outstanding efforts. "While the agencies here will leave with a plaque signifying their achievement, the real winners today are the people of South Carolina who will benefit from your publications," Johnson said.



Jim Johnson, director, South Carolina State Library, presents Deyi Zheng Huang from DHEC with the Notable Documents Award for "Burden of Diabetes in South Carolina, 1999."

The selection was made from items published in the year 2000 and received by the State Documents Depository System. These publications include information on history, health, government, population trends, arts and the environment. Those documents selected represent the wide-ranging function of government and the every-day usefulness of its information.

Selected publications:

1999 Capital Investment Report. Office of Investment Management, South Carolina Department of Commerce.

South Carolinians in the War for American Independence. South Carolina Department of Archives and History by Alexia J. Helsley.

Burden of Diabetes in South Carolina, 1999. Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by Deyi Zheng Huang.

Reporting on Mental Illness, Fairly, Objectively, Sensitively: A Guide for Journalism and Mass Communication Students in South Carolina. South Carolina Department of Mental Health by Susan F. Craft.

Teen Pregnancy in South Carolina, 1999: The trends are getting better. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Young Adults in South Carolina: A Comprehensive Report of the lives of South Carolinians Ages 18 to 29. South Carolina Kids Project.

A Guide to the General Assembly of South Carolina. Center for Governance, Institute of Public Affairs, University of South Carolina by Richard D. Young.

Artifacts. South Carolina Arts Commission.

Coastal Heritage. South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium.

Website: South Carolina DMV Online. www.scdps.org/dmv/ South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

The Notable Documents Committee was composed of Katina Strauch of the College of Charleston, James Smith of the Greenville County Library and Mary Morgan of the South Carolina State Library.

Legislative Day 2001

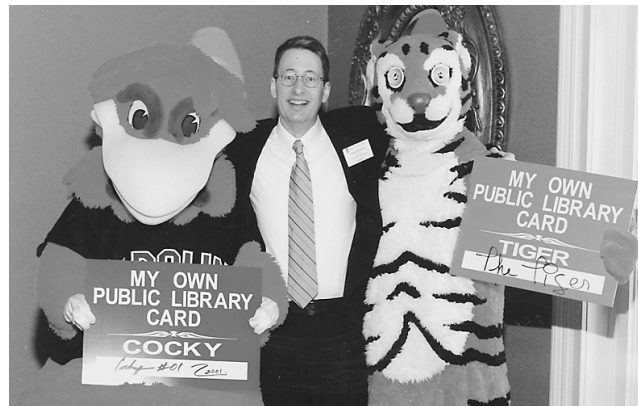
Library supporters- of all types – and members of the General Assembly gathered together to renew their commitment to South Carolina public libraries on March 7 at the Clarion Town House in Columbia. Legislators were encouraged to support the new Association of Public Library Administrators campaign “Open Books, Open Minds, Open Doors.”



A good turn-out for public library supporters and state legislators.



The Spartanburg delegation included: (standing l-r) Doris Wright, Shirley Howell, Sandra McMakin and Jackie Moore. (seated l-r) Spartanburg Co. Library Director Todd Stephens and Sen. Glenn Reese.



Even Cocky and Tiger know the importance of having a library card. They are joined by Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvail.



Fairfield County Library Delegation included: (seated l-r) Cottie Mosely, Brent Dorrier and Rep. Creighton Coleman; (standing l-r) FOSCL President Clyde McCants, Fairfield County Library Director Sarah McMaster and James M. Lyles III.



Delegations from Chester and Union County are joined by (standing) Sen. Linda Short, (seated l-r) Sandra Turner, Chester County Library Director Glynda J. Christian, Nanci Byers, Elizabeth Skipper Sally Parker, Martha Whitener, and Union County Library Director Ed Burwell.

2001: A Library Odyssey.

SCLA/SCASL Joint Conference Report.

Glynda Christian, SCLA President, Conference Program Co-Chair

From the counterintuitive view of Jews of the Confederacy in Robert Rosen's opening session and the humorous research insights of National Public Radio's Kee Malesky, to the First Lady Rachel Hodges describing the impact of "Reading with Rachel," to the many varied and diverse sessions, 2001: A Library Odyssey was a rewarding journey.

Library Board members from different counties and the South Carolina State Library joined paraprofessionals, Friends groups, graduate students and librarians from March 15 to 17. With record breaking attendance, well over 900, the joint conference at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center resounded with live music, presenters discussing the yin and yang of electronic reserves and spinning African American folk tales, over 100 exhibitors displaying their wares.

Current conference planning for SCLA includes this fall, October 12-13, at the USC Russell House and for October 24-26, 2002 in Charleston, to be held jointly with the Southeastern Library Association.

The Odyssey continues!

Celebrating 100 Years of Great Library Service

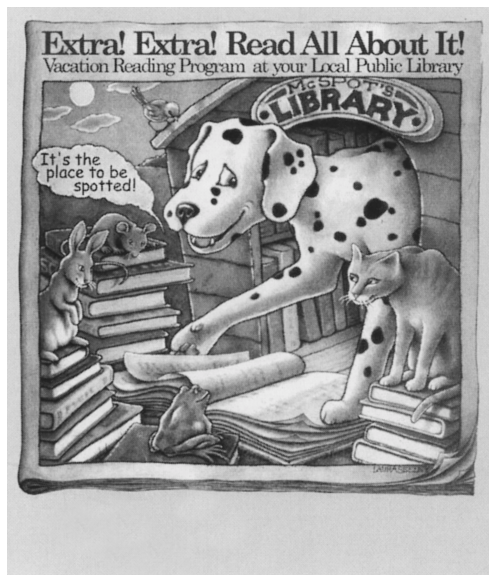


The Greenwood County Library, headquarters of the Abbeville-Greenwood Regional Library System, began celebrating its 100th birthday and National Library Week with a Library Reunion Tea on Sunday, April 1. More than 200 people attended the event sponsored by the Greenwood County Library Board and Staff.



Special guests included retired library employees, local and state officials. The Village Kids from Oakland Elementary School in Greenwood provided the entertainment. Dressed as their favorite book characters, the children sang about the joys of reading and the fun to be had at the library.

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!



Extra! Extra! Read All About It! is the theme for the 2001 summer vacation reading program. The art features a Dalmatian coming out of his library doghouse where he and several animal friends are surrounded by books. Libraries hope this theme will help make the library “the place to be spotted” this summer. The art was done by Laura Seeley, a Georgia author and illustrator. The dog on the summer reading art is based on the dog in her book, *McSpot's Hidden Spot*.

The theme suggests a natural connection with newspapers and writing, yet it is a theme that can be used with almost every library activity. Some libraries will be making the newspaper connection by having a reporter or photographer lead a program for children. Others will use the sections of the newspaper as a starting point for a variety of programs. Newspapers will be used

in craft activities and in a variety of other creative ways. The reading record looks like a newspaper and includes several activities for children.

2001 is also the first year of a partnership with Georgia for summer vacation reading. The two states are using the same printed materials and handbook. Approximately twenty representatives from South Carolina libraries attended the Georgia Children's Services Conference in February, where the focus was on ideas for the summer reading program. The program in South Carolina will once again include reading medals.

A promotional spot for the program has been distributed to all public library systems. It can be used on local television/cable stations as well as for school and in-library promotions of the reading program. There is an interactive website for *Extra! Extra! Read All About It!* Children can vote for their favorite black and white animal, create a story by filling in some blanks and give their opinions about the program. Information for parents is also included. The address is <http://www.public.lib.ga.us/extra>. The art for the program is available at <http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/images/>.

In the year 2000, over 75,000 children participated in the summer reading program in public libraries across South Carolina.

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Adds New Health Resource

South Carolina's Virtual Library

DISCUS – South Carolina's Virtual Library (<http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/discus>) has added a new resource this month: Health and Wellness Resource Center. This resource expands the amount and type of health and medical information available to South Carolina citizens. Health and Wellness Resource Center is a new GaleNet database that will replace the InfoTrac Health Reference Center-Academic database, planned for removal from DISCUS in mid-August. Its producer, Gale Group, (<http://www.galegroup.com>) is phasing out production of that database.

Health and Wellness Resource Center offers reliable, up-to-date health and medical information for students, consumers and professionals. Users will find complete articles from about 400 health and medical journals, selected articles from hundreds of general interest magazines, complete articles from twelve medical reference books, hundreds of health-related pamphlets, health-related newspaper articles, prescription drug information, and links to health and medical web sites of high quality.

In addition to this new resource, DISCUS offers many additional information and learning resources for all age groups on a variety of subjects. All DISCUS resources may be accessed on-site at South Carolina schools, colleges and public libraries. In addition, South Carolina residents may obtain instructions from their school, college or public librarian for free DISCUS access from their home or office Internet accounts.

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Serving Up Information When and Where it's Needed

For the 200 people who lose their vision every day in the United States, specialized services are the key to regaining independence. Many will need help identifying these services and may contact their local library for assistance. In part 1 of this article we will list some of the agencies and organizations that should be included in your disabilities information referral file. Part 2, listing additional resources, will be featured in the July/August issue of the newsletter.

- **American Council of the Blind of South Carolina (ACB of SC).**
A state affiliate of the national organization. ACB promotes the independence, dignity, and well being of blind and visually impaired people. For information on South Carolina Chapter offices, call the national office at 800-424-8666 or visit web site www.acb.org/.
- **Association for the Blind.**
Located in Charleston, the Association maintains an assistive devices store with products for the visually impaired and works in cooperation with Family Services Inc. to provide counseling after vision loss. The Association promotes self-reliance and independence through education, training, advocacy, and support. Call 803-723-6915.
- **Educational Radio for the Blind.**
A statewide radio network for the blind operating on a sub-channel of South Carolina Educational Radio network. Through special radio receivers loaned by the South Carolina Commission for the Blind (SCCB), its customers have daily access to contemporary print material through the reading of newspapers, magazines, books and selected articles. Contact the SCCB at 800-922-2222.
- **Family Connection of South Carolina.**
A support network of families that have children with developmental disabilities or chronic illnesses. A family partner is available in every health district of South Carolina. Call 803-252-0914 or 1-800-578-8750.
- **Job Line for the Blind.**
A free public service provided through a partnership of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina and the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, with assistance from the United States Department of Labor. Available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week toll free at 1-888-414-3047 or 803-737-3146. New jobs are listed daily.
- **National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina (NFB of SC).**
A non-profit organization of blind citizens with affiliated organizations throughout the state and statewide divisions for students, vendors, and parents. Programs are designed to improve the economic, social and spiritual life of the blind. Headquartered in Columbia with seven facilities across the state. Call 803-254-3777.
- **Program Assistance Line.**
A statewide information and referral service that helps people find the program or state agency that best meets their needs. Information on services for people with disabilities is included. Call 803-734-2050.
- **Project S.I.G.H.T. (Systematic Involvement for Gaining Heightened Transitions)**
A collaborative effort of the S.C. Dept. of Education, the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Dept., the Developmental Disabilities Council, and the University of S. C. Helps special education students and their families prepare for life after high school. Additional information may be found at web site www.med.sc.edu/SIGHT. Call 803-935-5219 or email sight@cdd.sc.edu.
- **Protection and Advocacy System for People with Disabilities, Inc.**
Protects the legal, civil and human rights of people with disabilities in South Carolina. Assists anyone who has a significant disability and has experienced discrimination as a result of such or is being illegally denied needed services by an agency or program. Call 800-922-5225 or (Columbia) 803-782-0639, (Greenville) 864-235-0273, (Charleston) 843-763-8571, or (Florence) 843-662-0752.

Carolina

Calendar

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San Francisco, CA

July 18, 2001

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Columbia, SC

September 2001

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September 22, 2001

Friends of South Carolina Libraries
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September 25, 2001

LAMA Institute: Planning and Marketing
Library Services to Culturally
Diverse Communities.
Richland County Public Library
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For local literary events,
check the Palmetto Book Alliance Website
<http://www.state.sc.us/scsl/lib./pba/html>

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- South Carolina Library Network
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- Interlibrary Loan Services
- DISCUS - South Carolina's Virtual Library
- Audiovisual Services
- Grants-in-Aid
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